

Vedarus

Dr. med. Franz RIEDWEG is the brother of the manageress of the Rosental Apartment-House, Basle. There is another brother, lawyer, who has his offices in Lucerne. The latter was married to a German, is now divorcing her in order to marry a wealthy Basle lady. The lawyer-brother has an exclusive clientele - chiefly Germans and other foreigners with reactionary sympathies. Dr. Josef Wirth, Lucerne, is one of his best clients. The whole Riedweg family has pronounced pro-Nazi sympathies. Frl. Riedweg is on very friendly terms with a certain Dr. V. (?) from Kreuzlingen who manages to come across to Switzerland regularly and is put up by her - without having to register. Another very close friend of Frl. Riedweg is a German - Frl. Darms - who used to be secretary to the German "Handels-Attaché" in Berné (?). This Attaché is said to have carried through several trade-negotiations with the Russians during the Nazi-regime. After the collapse of Germany and when the Christliche Nothilfe came into existence, Frl. & Dr. jur. Riedweg exerted all their influence in German circles in Switzerland in order to have Frl. Darms installed to run the Basle branch of the Christliche Nothilfe, i.e. the Basle branch which was planned prior to the one now in existence. The idea fell through somehow, and I understand Frl. Darms is no longer here in Switzerland.

In the "Vorwärts" article of 24/1/1947 re "Otto Strasser in der Schweizer Presse" (see my reply to your Query re SZATHARI) a certain SS-Führer Riedweg-von Blomberg is mentioned: I am checking if there is any relationship here.

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